IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

Sumiyo TANAKA

For:

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PROGRAM

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated July 3, 2001, be extended for one month to November 3, 2001 (because November 3, 2001 is a Saturday, it is permissible to file on Monday, November 5, 2001).

A response to the Office Action, dated July 3, 2201, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response

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Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Any other fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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